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APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 09/728,153

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Serial No.: 09/728,153  
Filed: 02 Dec 2000

Group Art Unit: 1743  
Examiner:

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, the references listed below and on the attached form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

US 4,806,246  
US 5,296,192  
US 6,040,195  
US 6,203,850  
US 6,284,550  
H. Yasuda, "Plasma Polymerization," pp. 345-354.

This statement is filed in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(3), more than three months from the filing date of the application but before the first Office Action on the merits thereof.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks.

Respectfully submitted,

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